

**Amendments to the Claims**

The current listing of the claims replaces all previous amendments and listings of the claims.

1. (Currently Amended) A powdery mold coating agent supply device comprising:  
a tank storing therein a powdery mold coating agent, the tank being provided at a lower portion thereof with a discharge port;

a supply tube connected at an upper end thereof to the discharge port[[:]], the supply tube extending along a vertical line;

a first ~~open/close~~ valve provided at an upper position of the supply tube for opening and closing the supply tube; ~~and~~

a second ~~open/close~~ valve provided at a position of the supply tube so as to be positioned lower than that of the first ~~open/close~~ valve by a predetermined distance, the second ~~open/close~~ valve opening and closing the supply tube; and

a pressurized fluid inlet disposed between the first and second valves and configured to deliver a pressurized fluid to the powdery mold coating agent between the first and second valves.

2. (Currently Amended) A powdery mold coating agent supply device as set forth in Claim 1, further comprising:

powdery mold coating agent measuring means for measuring a supply amount of the powdery mold coating agent, the powdery mold coating agent measuring means ~~being~~ interposed between the tank and the supply tube.

3. (Currently Amended) A powdery mold coating agent supply device as set forth in Claim 2, wherein the powdery mold coating agent measuring means ~~includes~~ comprises a measuring portion of a fixed volume, the powdery mold coating agent measuring means [[is]] configured [[to]] as a slide cutting type such that the measuring portion traverses a space, in

sliding reciprocation mode, which is defined between a position directly below the discharge port of the tank and a position directly above the supply tube.

4. (Currently Amended) A powdery mold coating agent supply device as set forth in Claim 1, wherein at least one of the first ~~open/close~~ valve ~~and/or~~ and the second ~~open/close~~ valve ~~comprise~~ comprises a pinch valve.

5. (Currently Amended) A powdery mold coating agent supply device as set forth in Claim 1, further comprising:

a pressurized air supply means for air-blowing movement of the powdery mold coating agent.

6. (New) A supply device, comprising:

a tank configured to store a powdered coating agent therein;

a supply tube configured to guide the powdered coating agent from the tank to a mold;

first and second valves disposed in the supply tube and positionable to permit and to impede a flow of powdered coating agent through the supply tube; and

a pressurized fluid inlet configured to deliver a pressurized fluid to the powdered coating agent between the first and second valves.

7. (New) The supply device according to claim 6, wherein the supply tube is configured to extend vertically.

8. (New) The supply device according to claim 7, further comprising:

a measuring device disposed between the tank and the supply tube, the measuring device configured to receive a fixed amount of powdered coating agent from the tank and to deliver the fixed amount of powdered coating agent to the supply tube.

9. (New) The supply device according to claim 8, wherein the measuring device comprises a piston configured to be horizontally movable within a cylinder.

10. (New) The supply device according to claim 9, wherein the piston defines a void configured to receive and to deliver the fixed amount of powdered coating agent.

11. (New) The supply device according to claim 10, further comprising:  
a second pressurized fluid inlet disposed in the cylinder and configured to deliver pressurized fluid to the powdered coating agent in the void of the piston.

12. (New) The supply device according to claim 11, further comprising:  
a fluid pressurizing device configured to deliver the pressurized fluid to the pressurized fluid inlet and the second pressurized fluid inlet.

13. (New) The supply device according to claim 11, wherein at least one of the first and second valves comprises a pinch valve.

14. (New) The supply device according to claim 13, wherein the pinch valve is configured to receive the pressurized fluid from the fluid pressurized device.

15. (New) A supply device, comprising:  
a tank configured to store a powdered coating agent therein;  
a supply tube configured to guide the powdered coating agent from the tank to a mold;  
a measuring device configured to receive a fixed amount of the powdered coating agent from the tank and to deliver the powdered coating agent to the supply tube;  
a pressurized fluid inlet configured to deliver a pressurized fluid to the powdered coating agent in the measuring device.

16. (New) The supply device according to claim 15, wherein the measuring device comprises a piston defining a void configured to receive and to deliver the powdered coating agent, the piston movably disposed in a cylinder, and the pressurized fluid inlet is configured to deliver the pressurized fluid to the powdered coating agent in the void of the piston when the void is aligned with the supply tube.

17. (New) The supply device according to claim 16, wherein the supply tube comprises first and second valves positionable to permit and impede flow of the powdered coating agent to the mold.

18. (New) The supply device according to claim 17, further comprising:  
a second pressurized fluid inlet configured to deliver pressurized fluid to the powdered coating agent between the first and second valves.

19. (New) The supply device according to claim 18, further comprising:  
a fluid pressurizing device configured to deliver the pressurized fluid to the pressurized fluid inlet and the second pressurized fluid inlet.

20. (New) The supply device according to claim 19, wherein at least one of the first and second valves comprises a check valve.